

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed in this application after a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, but before the filing of a Notice of Appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit or the commencement of a civil action. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the appeal has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 and prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 04/27/2011 has been entered.

Claims 31-44 are pending for examination, claims 31 and 38 have been amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 31-44, are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 31 and 38, are allowable in view of the decisions made by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference (BPAI) that the prior art on record or that encountered in searching for the invention, fails to disclose or suggest the features of instant invention – “a requester transmitting to a lock management system a request for a lock on a first resource, said lock management system denying said request based on a blocking condition, while in effect, said lock management system does not grant a request for a lock on a second resource, wherein said second resource is different from said first resource and the claimed requester determines the claimed blocking condition is not longer in effect by performing the claimed steps including: said requester transmitting to said lock management system a request for a lock on said second resource and said requester receiving from said lock management system a response that grants said request for said lock on said second resource” in a combination with all the limitations as claimed by applicant.

Claims 32-38 and 39-44 dependent on claims 31 and 38 respectively, hence, are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUSAN CHEN whose telephone number is (571)272-4016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on 571-272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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